

REMARKS

By the present Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have amended the specification to replace the cross-reference paragraph. No new matter has been added by virtue of this amendment and its entry is respectfully requested.

Applicants have cancelled claims 2 - 4, 20, 21, 23 - 29, and 31 - 34 and amended claims 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12 - 19, 22 and 30 to place the claims in proper dependent form. Support for these amendments can be found throughout the application. No new matter has been added by virtue of these amendments and entry is respectfully requested.


In the event that there are any questions relating to this Amendment or to the application in general, it is kindly requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney concerning the same to expedite prosecution of this application.

Entry of the foregoing and prompt and favorable consideration of the subject application on the merits are respectfully requested.

Fee deficiencies associated with the submission of this document may be charged to the NIXON PEABODY LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0850.

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Respectfully submitted,



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